

BLUE GRASS BLADE

DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU—CONFUCIUS.
THE WORLD IS MY COUNTRY—DO GOOD BY ALL MEANS—TOM PAINE.
AN HONEST GOD IS THE NOBLEST WORK OF MAN—INGERSOLL.

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NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY

NEW NAME OF THE NATIONAL
LIBERAL LEAGUE.

Is Launched at Cincinnati Sunday,
January 26, Under the Most
Cheering Auspices.

FULL PARTICULARS IN NEXT
BLADE.

As we go to press on Wednesday
this issue will give a short outline of
the meeting of the National Liberal
League, now the National Liberal
Party, at Cincinnati, January 26,
and will give full details and
leading speeches in the next Blade.
We apologize for the appearance of my
own short speech, and only print it
now because we had it in advance of
others.

In round numbers the Congress was
simply a magnificent success in every
respect. We had, even under the un-
favorable weather, a fine attendance,
and apparently would have had a very
large one had not the weather fore-
cast and a part of the actual weather
been most unpropitious.

The temporary board elected at Buf-
falo was re-elected and two lady vice
presidents added to it, making the
board for the next fiscal year as fol-
lows: Dr. T. J. Bowles, President; Dr.
J. B. Wilson, Vice-President; Mrs.
Josephine K. Henry, Second Vice-
President; Mrs. Harriet M. Close,
Third Vice-President; M. Wamsley,
Treasurer; and W. F. Jamieson, Sec-
retary.

The permanent constitution was adopted
and resolutions were passed on all
prominent political and moral issues,
the fundamental idea of the whole party
being the absolute separation of
church and state, as contemplated in
the Constitution of the United States.

This Constitution and these resolutions
will all be in next Blade. By al-
most unanimous sentiment it was de-
cided to go into politics, and the name
of the organization was changed from
the National Liberal League to the
National Liberal Party, and the plat-
form is of such a nature as to draw
to the party conservative element of
the Socialists, and that part of the An-
archists who rely simply upon argument
and moral suasion to accomplish their
end. On the committee on resolutions
was a man of great ability, who is a
leader among the Labor Unionists
and who wrote the plank in our plat-
form without any dissent. I had the
honor to be on that committee, and
made the plank on the temperance
question.

Mrs. Henry, of the committee, had
the full sympathy of the whole com-
mittee on the woman suffrage ques-
tion. There was a great many extem-
poraneous speeches, nearly all of which were
of wit and wisdom, but the main
speakers were Mrs. Henry, Dr. E. A.
Wood, of Syracuse, N. Y.; John Mad-
dock, of Minnesota; President Bowles,
J. H. Fraser, T. J. Wycarsier, and
Clarence Darrow, of Chicago. All of
them were fine, and Mrs. Henry's, as
usual, very fine, but Clarence Darrow,
of Chicago, is the first to go ahead of
Ingersoll as an infidel orator. His
style is in many salient regards al-
most the reverse of Ingersoll's, but is
very elegant except in mere rhetoric
he surpasses Ingersoll.

The body of men and women that
we had there was the most splendid
combination of brain and heart that I
have ever seen. So far as I am per-
sonally concerned, if I could have seen
in advance when I first left the
church in 1882 that even half the hon-
or would be done me that was done
me at Cincinnati, I should have been
willing to do all that I have done to
gain that, and I would not today ex-
change the estimate of me that those
people showed me, for all the honor
that any President of the United
States has had since the death of Ab-
raham Lincoln. My expectations for
the future of the National Liberal
Party are certainly very large, and yet
I think it probable that the most en-
thusiastic of us have no adequate con-
ception of the work we have inaugu-
rated. I believe The National Liberal

Party is, today, by far the grandest or-
ganization in the world.

Mrs. Henry would have been elected
President, but declined to serve.

(From the Enquirer.)

OFFICERS

ELECTED AT THE CONVENTION
Of National Liberal Party Yesterday
Afternoon—Opposed to the Ran-
som of Missionaries.

The National Liberal Party, a newly
organized body of freethinkers, con-
tinued its convention at the G. A. R.
Hall yesterday. The morning session
was taken up with the transaction of
minor business, reading of correspon-
dence and adoption to missionaries
and the paying the ransom of any mis-
sionary.

The organization wants all money—
gold, silver and currency—to be is-
sued only by the Government, and that
this money shall be full legal tender,
both public and private.

The afternoon session, Mrs. Josephine
K. Henry, of Versailles, Ky., and Dr. T.
J. Bowles, of Cincinnati, were nomi-
nated for the next week's stay at his
place.

The national officers were elected at
the afternoon session. Mrs. Josephine
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J. Bowles, of Cincinnati, were nomi-
nated for the next week's stay at his
place.

The Executive Board will be composed
of the President, First Vice-President
and Treasurer.

The time and place of holding the next
convention of the National Liberal Party
was left to the Executive Board.

At the conclusion of official business
Mr. John Maddock, of Minneapolis,
Minn., read a paper on "Evolution vs.
Prohibition."

In the evening Mrs. Josephine K.
Henry, of Versailles, Ky., and Dr. Wood,
of Syracuse, N. Y., delivered addresses.

The subject of Dr. Wood's address was
"Superstition." The speaker dwelt at
length on the various forms of supersti-
tion from prehistoric ages to the pres-
ent time. Among other things he said:
"The history of superstition is the his-
tory of man's struggle from deep-
est savagery and darkest ignorance up
through all the painful journey toward
the light of science and growing intelli-
gence."

"It has been a pitiful and a cruel tale,
this journey. From the tenth to the
end of the sixteenth century not
less than 3,000,000 heretics—that is
scholars and free inquirers—had to ex-
plore the love of truth in the flames
of the stake."

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry spoke on
"Woman and Christianity." The speak-
er is a freethinker of national reputa-
tion, and a woman suffragist of note.

She believes that woman has yet much
to be freed from; that she is still en-
slaved, and she appealed to the mem-
bers of the body to work for the com-
plete freedom of woman, the freed
woman suffrage in all avenues of life
and at the polls.

At the conclusion of the evening
exercises the convention adjourned until
the call of the Executive Board. It is
very probable that St. Louis will be
the next place of meeting.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL.

Pewamo, Iowa County, Mich.,
December 18, 1901.

MR. OTTO WETTERLIN.

No. 1945 Logan avenue,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir and Brother—Watch and
chain received today and to say I am
greatly pleased but expressing it very
plainly, I am delighted, could not
have suited myself as well had I been
there in person to make the selection,
because you have a long experience and
I no real knowledge—only know what
looks like. The case I think is a real
one, and I think it is beautiful too. It
will do what I can to try to get others
to order from you. I surely have a
watch worthy to be "round of."

Yours truly,
MRS. H. JANE HOLLY.

Send in your orders for the "Sac-
rament" by Mr. Grier Kidder, ten cents
each or twelve for one dollar.

(From Commercial Tribune.)

FREETHINKERS

FORM A PARTY

Would Wipe Out All Church Rela-
tions With the Government.

OBJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Editor Moore Scores Anarchists and
Socialists and Proposes
Plans.

The National Liberal Party has
started on its career in this city yester-
day. Its organizers are the section
of freethinkers who are unsatisfied
with the American Secular Union.

The Cincinnati contingent in the new
organization includes a large number
of the members of the Ohio O. H. Lib-
eral Society, and they were prominent
and active in the convention held yester-
day at G. A. R. Hall. Besides them,
however, there was a considerable
number of the freethinker from other
States, who had come here especially
to assist in launching the new organ-
ization.

The meeting opened in the af-
ternoon, between 200 and 300 persons
being present, among them quite a
number of women.

Dr. T. J. Bowles, of Muncie, Ind.,
was made temporary President of the
convention, and W. F. Jamieson, of
this city, acted as secretary. Following
speeches of welcome by Dr. Bowles and
Mr. Fraser to the visiting delegates,
the work of framing a constitution for
the party was at once taken up.

There was some difference as to the name
it should take. It was first proposed
to call it the National Liberal Associa-
tion, but that did not suit a number
of those who wanted the political ob-
jectives of the organization clearly un-
derstood. Editor Moore, of the Blue
Grass Blade, was foremost among
them. It was finally settled that the
name should be as above indicated.

TERMS OF CONSTITUTION.

The constitution, in its preamble, de-
clared that the organization was for the
benefit of women as well as of men,
affirms enlightened reason the highest
tribunal for the decision of all ques-
tions and asserts the purpose of the
party to be "the emancipation of human-
ity from the bondage of superstition and
beliefs in divine revelation, miracles
and eternal punishment."

It declares, further, for the purely
secular character of government, the
taxation of church property, the aboli-
tion of the various forms of religious
holidays, the discontinuance of Bible
reading in the schools, and the aboli-
tion of all religious tests in offices of
state, such as judicial offices, prayers at
public ceremonies, and the like.

The officers of the party are a Sec-
retary and Treasurer. Membership is
open to persons of good character pay-
ing \$1 for annual fees. Means for an
active propaganda are proposed by the
organization or branches subordinate
to the National party.

EDITOR MOORE SPEAKS.

When the constitution had been
adopted Editor Moore, of Lexington,
Ky., was given an opportunity to read
a speech. It was in his usual plain,
familiar and breezy style. Proclaiming
the necessity of a new party, he de-
clared that the perjurors and fools of
the country are in the two old parties.

"I know what I'm talking about," he
said, "because I have been in the
middle of it all my life. I have seen
at what the convention laughed. Mr.
Moore then dived into the subject of
the new party, and in Lexington
he said that Mr. Josephine K.
Henry from his own State is just the
person who is fitted to lead the
new party. The South, he
said, had never yet been recognized,
and he declared that he would be
on of high policy and experience,
that Mr. Joseph should be preferred
over his competitor, who are Dr. T.
J. Bowles, Dr. J. B. Wilson, of Cin-
cinnati, and Mrs. Close, of Iowa.

All but the perjurors and fools of
the country are in the two old parties.
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And then after that you may go
way but use it down here. I like
Mr. Moore continued in his breezy
way, he referred to the Book of Wash-
ington, and expressed his opinion that
sentiment that all men are brethren,
whether Chinese, Indians or Negroes.

As to Socialists, Moore said he would
not attempt to speak for them, as he
was not clear as to what they stood
for, and he believed some of them did
not know themselves what they want-
ed, for those among those who look
to Socialism as a means of getting the
property of other men—if there are
any such—he has less sympathy than
for the highwayman who does his
work open and above board. He praised
Carnegie for drawing the line on
churches and preachers, and denounced
anarchism as a delusion and a vagary.
Another thing he thought might be
advisable would be for the Govern-
ment to take control of the tele-
graph lines, the telephones, railroads,
and even transcontinental steamship
lines.

TO ELECT OFFICERS TODAY.

A Committee on Resolutions was ap-
pointed, consisting of Messrs. J. And-
erson, Mrs. Henry T. J. Wycarsier,
John Maddock, M. Cutler and William
Darrow, of Chicago. Its report will be
submitted today.

Today the election of officers of the
National organization will take place.
Interest centers in the selection for
President, Dr. J. B. Wilson, who has
been an energetic promoter of the party
in this section, it is believed, stands
the best chance of being chosen.

Fourteen or fifteen sessions will be
the presence of Mrs. Josephine K. Hen-
ry, of Kentucky, who is to deliver an
address on the "Relation of the Church
to Woman," and addresses by Dr.
Wood, of New York, and by Editor
Moore, of Lexington.

Yesterday's proceedings closed last
evening with a memorial celebration
of the anniversary of Thomas Paine.
The speakers for the occasion were T.
J. Wycarsier, of this city, and Claren-
ce Darrow, of Chicago. There was a
big crowd present, and the eulogies of
the works and of Paine and the prin-
ciple he advocated were received with
vehement applause. The speakers
charged the present "revolving carica-
ture" of the constitution to better carry
out their plans for the representation of
the interests of the plutocratic classes. The
career of Paine and his influence on
the world was traced, and the influence
of Paine on the American Revolution
and America's history was traced, and
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history was traced.

A feature of the celebration was the
recitation of the children of the
Liberal School of Science, headed
by their instructor, Mr. Fraser. They
sang the hymn, "The Liberty of the
Soul," and sang the National anthem at
the opening of the proceedings.

GETS PENITENTIARY SENTENCE

DETROIT, MICH., Jan. 17.—Judge
Sweeney of the United States District
Court today sentenced Rev. G. F. B.
Howard, who had previously pleaded
guilty to using the mails to obtain
money under false pretenses at Har-
ron, Mich., to two and a half years in
the Detroit House of Correction.

Howard, who is well known through-
out the country, was arrested by a
United States Marshal at Columbus
several months ago, as he left the
Ohio penitentiary after serving a nine
months term for forgery.

Comment—Howard is a dandy. He
had my job in the printing office be-
fore I boarded up there, and then
again after I left, and I am now using
as a paper weight a little lantern
which he brought home with him.
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NEW INFIDEL MONTHLY.

I have received No. 5, vol. 1 of "The
Philosopher," an infidel monthly mag-
azine published at Kansas City, Mo., by
its editor, Charles F. Eldredge, 225
Michigan avenue; price \$1.00 a year.

It is a thoroughly decent and digni-
fied journal—like the Blade in that re-
gard—and I hope will win its spurs.

It has a good article favoring crema-
tion by my old friend Walter Green.
I am in favor of cremation for other
people, but want to be buried in the
old fashion way myself. An improve-
ment on the present mode of crema-
tion would be to use the bodies for fuel
in the nice furnace of an iron steam power
and then scatter the ashes for fertil-
izer.

DR. HAMMER A POPULAR PHYSI-
CIAN.

The Newton (Iowa) papers, in speak-
ing of illness and surgery about a
nice town, alluded to my old friend Dr.
Hammer, of Newton, in a way that in-
dicates him to be an exceedingly popu-
lar physician there. He is a good and
valuable man.

CLERICAL INFELICITY.

Specious because true. He told me
that, says Rev. William H. Wittig
is suing for divorce because he
believed that he was a liar and a "bum
preacher."

"I bet a dollar to a doughnut that
the woman was right."

Send in your orders for the "Sac-
rament" by Mr. Grier Kidder, ten cents
each or twelve for one dollar.

(From Cincinnati Enquirer.)

NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY

CHANGES ITS NAME TO ENTER
POLITICAL ARENA.

Tribute Is Paid to the Memory of
Thomas Paine—Meeting Con-
tinues Today.

The first convention of the National
Liberal party, a body of Free Thinkers,
convened yesterday in the G. A. R.
Hall, on Sixth street.

The convention was called to order
by the temporary President, Dr. T. J.
Bowles, of Muncie, Ind. W. F. Jamieson,
son, of this city, acting as Secretary.

In opening the convention Dr. Bowles
delivered a long address, the greater
part of which was devoted to the de-
nunciation of all forms of religion.

J. H. Fraser, delivered an address of
welcome on behalf of the Ohio Liberal
Society. At the conclusion of Mr. Fra-
ser's address a constitution was adopted.

This organization is an offshoot of
the old Secular Union. It was estab-
lished last October at Buffalo, and Cin-
cinnati chosen for the first Congress,
the first night of the session to be an
anniversary memorial service to Thom-
as Paine.

At the afternoon meeting the name
of the organization was changed from
National Liberal League to National
Liberal Party, as the members desire
to enter into politics.

During a spirited discussion on the
change of name for the body the Presi-
dent, despite his previous address
against all forms of religion, in an ex-
cited manner called on the members
"For God's sake, to vote for the name
party." Referring the inconsistency
of his utterance and the objects of the
party he qualified himself by saying
there is a God.

This organization has for its object
the "abrogation of all laws favoring
the observance of the state Sunday as
a holy day; the use of public funds for
sectarian institutions; Bible reading in
public schools; the service of chaplains
in the army and navy, in National
and State Legislatures and all depart-
ments of Government; the judicial char-
acter in courts and inaugural ceremonies;
the appointment by the President or
by Government of the members of
tribunals, fests and days of prayer; the
concession of special privileges to reli-
gious or other organizations."

They further demand that woman
be given equal rights in every way
with man, and that she be allowed to
vote at all elections.

There was not a large attendance
at the afternoon session. A few women
were present, the most prominent among
them being Mrs. Josephine K. Henry,
of Versailles, Ky., who is one of the well
known writers of the country.

TRIBUTES TO THOMAS PAINE.

There was a large audience in the
evening session, the most prominent among
them being Mrs. Josephine K. Henry,
of Versailles, Ky., who is one of the well
known writers of the country.

Dr. J. B. Wilson, of this city, presided
the National President for the Na-
tional Liberal Party, at New Rochelle, N. Y.
The gavel bore the following inscription
on a silver plate:

"Presented by Captain George W.
Lloyd to the grave of Thomas Paine,
New Rochelle, N. Y., January 8,
1902."

Dr. Wilson read a letter from Captain
Lloyd, who for the past ten years has
looked after the grave of the noted
American, Captain Lloyd writes that
there are two hickory trees growing
over the grave of Paine, and that he
will give them to the National Lib-
eral Party as a memorial to the
man who saved the world from those
trees.

T. J. Wycarsier, of this city, deliv-
ered a eulogy on the life of Paine. He
pictured the effect of his writings on
the liberty of America. Among other
things he said:

"Future historians will record the
fact that it was Thomas Paine who
kindled and named the fire of revolu-
tion and planted in the heart of
every intelligent man an uncontrolla-
ble desire to be free."

Clarence S. Darrow delivered an elo-
quent address on the life and charac-
ter of Paine. The speaker vividly pic-
tured the age in which Paine lived.
In his opinion Thomas Paine, as the
author of the "Age of Reason," was
not the only Thomas Paine nor the
great Thomas Paine.

The speaker portrayed in a glowing
manner the effects of Paine's economic
works. "If Paine lived today he be-
lieved that he would be championing
the cause of the lowly and the poor
as against the handful of men who own
the earth and the fullness thereof."
The convention will be in session to-
day, adjourning tomorrow. Officers will
be elected at the morning session. De-
legates will listen to addresses in the
afternoon and evening.

Charles C. Moore
Editor

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"THE DAMNED STUFF CALLED
ALCOHOL."

I believe that alcohol, to a certain
degree, demoralizes those who make
it those who sell it and those who
drink it.

I believe from the time it issues
from the coiled and poisonous worm
of the distillery until it empties into
the hall of crime, death and debauch,
it demoralizes everybody that touches
it.

Do not believe that anybody can
contemplate the subject without be-
coming prejudiced against this liquid
devil.

All you have to do is to think of the
wreckage on either bank of this stream
of death—the suicides, of insanity,
of the poverty, of the ignorance, of the
distress, of the little children tugging
at the faded dresses of weeping and
dying wives, asking for bread; of
the men of genius it has wrecked; of
the millions who have struggled with
imaginary serpents produced by this
devil thing.

And when you think of the jails, of
the almshouses, of the prisons, and of
the scaffolds upon either bank, I do
not wonder that every thoughtful man
is prejudiced against the damned stuff
called alcohol.

ROBERT A. INGERSOLL.

